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SUBJECT: BAUXITE: GOVERNMENT TIGHTENS PRODUCTION CONTROLS

1. THE DAILY NEWS ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 12 THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD IMPOSE QUARTERLY PRODUCTION CONTROLS ON BAUXITE IN ADDITION TO THE 14 MILLION TON MINIMUM QUANTITY THE COMPANIES ARE NOW REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ANNUALLY. THE QUARTERLY FIGURE FOR THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY IS 3,500,000 TONS OR 1/4 OF THE ANNUAL FIGURE.

2. EFFORTS BY THE PRESS TO CONTACT MINISTER OF MINES AND NATURAL RESOURCES ALLAN ISAACS FOR COMMENT HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. THEY DID REACH SIR EDGERTON RICHARDSON, PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY AND MEMBER OF THE BAUXITE COMMISSION. HE SAID THAT THE TOTAL QUOTA WAS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S PRODUCTION BUT PROBABLY CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION. HE CITED AMONG THE REASONS FOR THE QUARTERLY QUOTA WAS THAT THE COMPANIES HAD TO MAKE FINANCIAL PAYMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY

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3. COMMENT: AT THE TIME OF PASSAGE OF THE BAUXITE
ACT OF 1974 THE COMAPANIES WERE CONCERNED OVER THE
MINIMUM PRODUCTION QUOTA SINCE THE LANGUAGE OF THE
ACT DID NOT APPEAR TO TAKE ACCOUNT SUCH FACTORS AS WEATHER,
FORCE MAJEURE, OR LABOR DIFFICULTIES, THOUGH THE ACT
DOES GIVE THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FLEXIBILITY TO TAKE
ACCOUNT OF UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE NEW QUARTERLY
QUOTAS MAY CAUSE THE COMPANIES FURTHER DIFFICULTIES SINCE
PRESUMABLY EVEN IN NORMAL YEARS PRODUCTION IS NOT EVENLY
DIVIDED INTO FOUR QUARTERS, BECAUSE
OF WEATHER IF NO OTHER REASON. GERARD

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